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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Gail Verbitsky

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The amendment filed on August 12, 2005 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: it appears that the limitation stating "the target element emits heat by itself" has not been described in the specification.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 14 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Neill (U.S. 5672289).

O'Neill discloses in Fig. 1 a device for measuring heat from a heater and controlling a heater, the device comprising a reference heating element/ heater 22 and a sample/ target heating element/ heater 24 which are having size and outer configuration substantially identical to each other, as shown in Fig. 1. The device comprises a heater control unit 42, a pair of temperature sensors 10, 12 measuring

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temperature of a sample and a reference sample respectively, which temperatures are representative of heat flow from the sample heater (emitting heat by itself) and the reference heater respectively, and thus, in a broad sense, it is considered, that it is representative of the sample heater and the reference heater.

The control unit 42 controls the reference heater (and the sample heater) such that the difference (error) of temperatures obtained by the reference temperature sensor (representative the reference heater) 12 and the sample temperature sensor (representative the sample heater) 10 is minimized (becomes substantially identical) (col. 2, lines 55-67 and entire col. 3).

For claim 2: the reference heating element 22 is an electrical heating element (resistance) and thus, provided with an electrical heater (heat source).

For claim 3: in response to the control unit that compares the temperatures, the power is being supplied by the control unit to the sample heater and the reference heater so as to eliminate said temperature difference/ error and thus, to make the temperatures substantially equal to each other (col. 3, lines 8-18).

With respect to the preamble of claims: the preamble of the claims does not provide enough patentable weight because it has been held that a preamble is denied the effect of a limitation where the claim is drawn to a structure and a portion of the claim following the preamble is a self-contained description of the structure not depending for completeness upon the introductory clause. Kropa v. Robie, 88 USPQ 478 (CCPA 1951).

4. Claims 1-3, 14 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schawe et al. (U.S. 6170984) [hereinafter Schawe].

Schawe discloses in Fig. 1 a device for measuring heat from a heater and controlling a heater, the device comprising a reference heating element/ heater 50 and a sample/ target heating element/ heater 48 which are having size and outer configuration substantially identical, as shown in Fig. 1. The device comprises a heater control unit (temperature programmer) 60, a pair of temperature sensors 44, 54 measuring temperature of a sample and a reference sample respectively, which temperatures are representative of heat flow from the sample heater (emitting heat by itself) and the reference heater respectively, and thus, in a broad sense, it is considered, that it is representative of the sample heater and the reference heater. The control unit 60 controls the reference heater (and the sample heater) such that the difference of temperatures obtained by the reference temperature sensor (representative the reference heater) 50 and the sample temperature sensor (representative the sample heater) 48 becomes negligible (becomes substantially identical) (entire col. 9).

For claim 2: the reference heating element 50 is an electrical heating element (resistance) and thus, provided with an electrical heater (heat source).

For claim 3: in response to the control unit that compares the temperatures, when there is a difference between the temperatures, the differential power increment is fed to the sample heater 48 and the reference heater 50 to correct the temperature difference (col. 4, lines 58-67).

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With respect to the preamble of claims: the preamble of the claims does not provide enough patentable weight because it has been held that a preamble is denied the effect of a limitation where the claim is drawn to a structure and a portion of the claim following the preamble is a self-contained description of the structure not depending for completeness upon the introductory clause. Kropa v. Robie, 88 USPQ 478 (CCPA 1951).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4-13 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on August 12, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant states that O'Neill and Schawe disclose calorimetric instrument different from the instant invention. This argument is not persuasive because, both, O'Neill and Schawe, teach devices for measuring of heat flux/ flow/ dissipation from a heater, as claimed by applicant.

Applicant states that the present invention measures heat dissipation by using the similarity law. This argument is not persuasive because this limitation is not stated in the claims. It is the claims that define the claimed invention, and it is claims, not specification that are anticipated or unpatentable. Constant v. Advanced Micro-Devices, Inc., 7 USPQ2d 1064.

Applicant states that the target heating element of the instant invention is not controlled by a control unit. This argument is not persuasive because this limitation is not stated in the claims. It is the claims that define the claimed invention, and it is claims, not

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specification that are anticipated or unpatentable. Constant v. Advanced Micro-Devices, Inc., 7 USPQ2d 1064.

With respect to the newly added limitation "the target heating element emits heat itself": O'Neill and Schawe teach that the target heating element is a heater, which, in the broadest reasonable interpretation, acts as a heat source, and thus, itself emits heat.

Conclusion

7. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in the PTO-892 and not mentioned above disclose related devices and methods.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gail Verbitsky whose telephone number is 571/ 272-2253. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:00 ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on 571/ 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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